GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR NURSERY ADMISSION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines for nursery admissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the State Governments have expressed resentment on Centre's new guidelines;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon;and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): The Government had on 23rd November, 2010 issued guidelines under section 35(1) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 for implementing the provisions of section 12(1) (c) and section 13(1) of the RTE Act relating to procedure for admission in schools. The RTE Act provides for free and compulsory education to children in the 6-14 age group, however to the extent that the school has pre-primary classes, the following guidelines are applicable to the pre- primary section as well:

(a) with regard to admission of 25% children in class I (or pre-primary class as the case may be) in unaided and Qspecified category' schools, schools shall follow a system of random selection out of the applications received from children belonging to disadvantaged groups and weaker sections for filling the pre-determined number of seats in that class; and

(b) for admission to the remaining 75% of the seats in class I, or pre-primary class as the case may be, (or a lesser percentage depending upon the number of seats fixed by the school) in respect of unaided schools and specified category schools, and for all the seats in the aided schools, each school should formulate a policy which should include criteria for categorization of applicants in terms of the objectives of the school on a rational, reasonable and just basis and that there shall be no profiling of the child based on parental educational qualifications. The policy should be placed by the school in the public domain, given wide publicity and explicitly stated in the school prospectus. There shall be no testing and interviews for any child/parent falling within or outside the categories, and selection would be on a random basis. Admission should be made strictly on this basis.

(c) to (e): The Government has not received representation from any State Government expressing resentment on the Guidelines.